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**TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**  
*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.      Philippians 4:13.*

**U. S. 29 Plans**

The State Highway and Public Works commission has conducted engineering surveys looking toward the building of a new four-lane strip of U. S. 29 from a point on the present highway north of Archdale Farms to the state line and intersection with South Carolina's portion of this principal highway artery.

These plans, if one is adopted, would place a new four-lane roadbed with 260 to 300 feet of right-of-way, to the south-east of Archdale Farms and would be damaging to several existing home sites.

It reminds that this possible new piece of construction would put the communities of Archdale (principally the farm buildings) and Grover the end points on a virtually private four-lane highway represented by the present section of U. S. 29 from Archdale to Grover. It's hardly conceivable that the population of Grover nor Kings Mountain, and the traffic between them, necessitate this private four-lane boulevard.

One of the problems attending the continued use of the present section of U. S. 29 is the problem or right-of-way to get through the corporate limits of Grover. Business and residential property needed for right-of-way in the Grover city limits would skyrocket costs. And though the law has been changed to require incorporated towns and cities to pay only 20 percent of right-of-way costs, Grover doesn't find itself in position to withstand the financial gaff.

Is it possible a southward take-off spot could be chosen which would enable the present four-lane roadbed to be extended and still skirt the Grover city limits to the south?

There follows the question of cost. Presently projected is 2.5 miles of new roadbed for which right-of-way must also be acquired. It would appear the policy of wisdom for the State Highway cost experts to compare the potential cost of right-of-way and new roadbed against the potential cost of a north-of-Grover shoot-off.

It is just possible the commission could save some cash, please some home-owners and farmers, and avoid some litigation with owners of mineral bearing properties. Rough estimates place four-lane highway construction in this area at \$225,000 to \$250,000 per mile.

The Herald claims no engineering expertise, but would like to see a cost comparison on the proposed vs. the Grover skirting.

Once upon a time, citizens along the proposed new route would have opposed this view, due to the old rule of thumb that a new road doubled the value of all lands abutting the new roadbed.

This rule of thumb is now extinct, due to the increasingly strict requirements limiting the access to these modern, needed, expensive four-lane express highways.

Our best wishes to Rev. Howard T. Cook, who has resigned as pastor of Second Baptist church. The Herald did not always agree with Mr. Cook's views on some issues, for example, on motion pictures. Mr. Cook made the statement he not only was against movies on Sunday, but seven days a week. However, the Herald believed Mr. Cook completely sincere in his opinion and respected him for it. He is friendly and frank, two admirable characteristics.

One old folklore rule is to avoid giving ministers chores outside the bailiwick of the church, unless the assignment man wants the chores left undone. Fortunately, for Kings Mountain, numerous Kings Mountain ministers are exceptions to this rule. One of them is Rev. Douglas Fritz, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, who will do an imaginative and competent job as chairman of the Red Cross chapter's blood program.

**10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK** Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1947 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Central high school's homecoming battle with Shelby's Lions is scheduled for City Stadium tonight, a parade of bands beginning the student sponsored gala festivities at 6:30 p.m. and the kickoff slated for 7:30 p.m.

Kings Mountain will join many other cities, both small and large, in installing parking meters, provided the Southern Railway Company grants permission for such installations on its right-of-way. *Social and Personal*

The Thursday Book Club met last week at the home of Mrs. H. T. Fulton.

Mrs. L. L. Benson was hostess on Monday afternoon to members of the Lala Herndon circle of the First Baptist church WMS.

**Education Trends**

Mass education has become an established fact in the past 40 years, a far cry from the experience of a knowledgeable (if not too-schooled) Kings Mountain man who was reminiscing recently. He said:

When he grew up, Kings Mountain offered eight month's schooling a year, but only four of the months were tuition free. He was a child of a large and poor family. He went to school for the free four months, dropped out when tuition time came along. "It happened," he said, "that I could read better than some and spell better than some, but because I was in school only half a year, promotions came slowly."

When he got to be pretty big for the third grade at age ten, he went to work in a textile plant. Shortly thereafter, the 12-year-old minimum age restriction was placed on manufacturing employment, and he was "run out of the mill." He did other work, reached 12, returned to textile work. Shortly, the age law was changed again, upped to 14, and he had to leave his work again, until his age caught up. In spite of lack of formal schooling, this citizen holds a very responsible position today.

It reminds that almost every youngster today gets certain basic education free of charge, regardless of race, creed, social or financial position. That is good.

Many are the charges of poor results leveled at today's school teacher. The correct and ready answer is that mass education requires a teacher to beam to the "average child." This is of necessity, makes the pace too slow for the quicker children, too fast for the retarded.

But the trend is changing again. In Greensboro, an experimental program is underway for children with exceptionally high intelligence quotients. A Kings Mountain teacher, Miss Margaret Ratteree, is among the teachers of this group. At the same time, the state education department is beginning to give more attention to the sub-marginal child. The appropriation to the Gaston Center for the Handicapped is one example. Another was approval by the state department for a special teacher here for this year. Unfortunately, specialists of this kind are scarce like hen's teeth. A teacher for this work could not be obtained. Buncombe County schools has a special teacher to aid with speech deficiencies. Some other counties do, too.

With mass education a soundly-based fact, it is right that the more tedious but practical effort to give special training to the extremes on the intelligent quotient curve be increased.

It is a happy trend to note during the current observance of American Education week, now underway.

**School Traffic Safety**

If trouble comes in bunches, then last Wednesday must be an example.

Two youngsters on school treks were struck by automobiles, striking terror to the hearts of motorists and parents involved, and bringing shudders to many other parents who fear the same result.

When the economy-minded city board of commissioners was paring police personnel last June, school was not in session. School child pedestrian traffic was mentioned, but discussion was perfunctory, nothing unusual when a problem is not immediate.

At the moment, the department is two men short of the authorized officer quota.

Acting Chief Martin Ware can make a name for himself if he can figure a way to handle the dangerous crossing points prior to school opening and subsequent to school closing. The school safety patrols, manned by youngsters, appear quite inadequate. The youngsters are too small, don't know traffic direction principles.

Congratulations are in order to Stephen Kesler and James Pressly, Kings Mountain high school nominees for the Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina.

**MARTIN'S MEDICINE**  
By Martin Harmon  
Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment. Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.

A few weeks ago, I slipped into the office of Dr. O. P. Lewis, the tooth fixer.

A front tooth had a slight chip-off and there were a couple of tell-tale brown spots on another.

Dr. Lewis was quick on the chip, said there's nothing particularly unusual about them, due to natural wear and the angle of a normal bite, fired up his grinder and in next to nothing flat had the chipped one smooth again. The brown spots turned out to be "pits", no fillings required, but will bear watching.

I was feeling better all the time, until Doc, continuing his examination, said, "Huh, uh. Here's a big cavity. You're going to hear from this one one of these days soon, if something isn't done." Then he spotted a smaller cavity. Dr. Lewis examined my dental record card.

"Your six months are about up," he laughed. "The last time you were in here was in April 1955." That figured to 30 months, a little over par for the recommended course on regular six-month molar check-ups.

It was last Thursday I filled the filling appointment. Doc wanted to know if I wanted novocaine. I suggested he was the doc, and that I would take his advice. Dr. Lewis said it made no difference to him, that most folk wanted pain-killer, even on small fillings. I told him I'd rather pay while the job was underway, avoid the unpleasant interest of a numb mow'nd and the drug denouement. He said he felt the same way, and we agreed to start clean, bring up the novocaine reserves if they were needed.

Ninety minutes later, with no pain having been felt nor no after-effects other than "open-mouthitis", I walked out the Lewis door, my incisions somewhat richer by several milligrams of silver.

Dr. Lewis explained he uses silver on the back side of teeth where there's no frontside vision because silver sets up better, lasts longer, delaying possible filling fall-out. Front-side, of course, he uses porcelain to conform to the customary looks of a tooth. "It isn't really porcelain," he commented, "because if it were, it'd have to be baked on and the temperature would be a bit hot."

During the grinding out process, Dr. Lewis had stopped a few times, run a strip of something up the side. The strip looked like over-sized black dental floss, but it felt like sandpaper. "It's a kind of sandpaper," Dr. Lewis replied to my query, "though it's better than what you use on floors. It's got diamond dust on it." Unlike the porcelain, the diamond dust isn't synthetic. The hard abrasive quality of the diamond dust is just the right item to dispose of rough spots on the tooth, as left by the grinder.

Dr. Lewis was Col. Lewis during World War II, and his principal duties were in administration, rather than in practicing dentistry. But he had a few jobs to do, one in England for a chicken colonel who wouldn't trust the younger lieutenants and captains, these the specialists in filling and pulling. The specialists had asked Col. Lewis to see the adamant officer. When Dr. Lewis greeted the man, his visitor replied happily, "Thank God! That's the first southern drawl I've heard since I left Tennessee."

Though Dr. Lewis insisted his corps could handle a Tennessee mountaineer's pulling requirements as well as any, the colonel wouldn't agree. "I've got some man-sized roots to my teeth, and I want you to do it," he contended.

Dr. Lewis said, "o. k.", found the Tennessee wasn't kidding about the man-sized roots. X-rays, says Dr. Lewis, make about any dental job comparatively simple. In this instance, says Doc, one could have pulled on the colonel's molars all day without unhitching 'em. A minor operation was performed, with the gum being cut side-wise and the ailing molar removed "out the side door". A couple of stitches completed the job. "The guy thought I was wonderful," Dr. Lewis laughs, "and we became quite good friends. Actually, I didn't do anything the other fellows wouldn't have done."

Going to see the dentist can be fun, as it was for me. Next time I shan't let my six-month check-up get quite as overdue.

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**Viewpoints of Other Editors**

**VINDICATION—AND DEMOLITION**

The significance of yesterday's general election in Virginia is to be read largely in two things. One is the vindication of the position taken by Senator Harry F. Byrd. The other lies in the demolition of Republican hopes below the Potomac.

The stunning victory of J. Lindsay Almond, Jr., in the gubernatorial contest was not so much a personal triumph, though we mean to take nothing away from the high qualifications of Virginia's next Governor. Neither was it, in the usual sense, a party victory. More than anything, it was a vote of overwhelming confidence in the position of "massive resistance" taken by Senator Byrd against the integration of public schools.

This was the sole issue on which the Democratic and Republican nominees pitched the campaign. They disagreed to be sure, on some subordinate matters: Mr. Dalton advocated voting for 18-year-olds, Mr. Almond did not. Mr. Dalton favored a referendum on poll tax repeal, Mr. Almond opposed this. Mr. Dalton proposed a somewhat higher salary scale for schoolteachers than Mr. Almond would agree to. But both opposed higher taxes, both favored the tourist trade, both wished to encourage new industry, both firmly denounced juvenile delinquency and slaughter on the highways. None of this mattered. In the end, it was public school policy and nothing else, with Mr. Dalton willing to accept some racial intergration and Mr. Almond willing to accept none at all.

On this question, the issue went to the voters, and yesterday half a million Virginians resolved it. They voted the Byrd candidate, the spokesman of massive resistance, into office by a margin of more than 135,000 votes. There can be no question, now, that the position taken by Senator Byrd, and by the General Assembly a year ago, fairly represents the position desired by the majority of Virginia voters. If ever a public servant had a mandate from the people, Lindsay Almond has one today.

But the voters not only buttressed their position on racial intergration yesterday: they also knocked the props from under a growing two-party system. The discouraging fact that Republican leaders face today is that 12 years ago, in the perfunctory campaign waged by Republican Floyd Landreth against Democrat William M. Tuck, the GOP nominee garnered 32 per cent of the vote. Yesterday, after enormous exertion, Mr. Dalton could claim 36 per cent only. Four years ago, in his astonishing race against Tom Stanley, Mr. Dalton carried 20 counties and nine cities, he swept the Sixth and Tenth Districts and ran a marvelously good race in the Third. If it had not been for one unfortunate speech, in which he needlessly advocated the issuance of general high-way bonds, Mr. Dalton might even have won the 1953 election. His party emerged from that campaign with high hopes and the nucleus of a good organization outside the traditional Republican strongholds of the Valley and the Southwest.

All that groundwork lies in shambles today. As this is written, it appears that Mr. Dalton carried only 13 Counties and two cities, and with few exceptions, these were such unshakable Republican localities as Carroll, Grayson, Floyd and Wythe. He squeaked through in the Tenth District; he ran fairly well in the Ninth. Everywhere else the devastation was complete.

Consider Henrico. Four years ago, this young suburban area went for Mr. Dalton by 5,100 to 4,300. Yesterday Henrico voters turned against him in droves. The unofficial count today shows Almond 10,736, Dalton 3,211. Four years ago Mr. Dalton carried the City of Norfolk by 900 votes; yesterday, despite the support of the influential Virginian-Pilot, Mr. Dalton ran woefully behind. Roanoke City and Roanoke County had been growing into real centers of Republican strength; yesterday they desired Mr. Dalton in

**A HEALTHY SHOCK**

Americans have liked children in paradise for a long time. They have been surrounded by the "good life". Still not satisfied they have besieged government in massive pressure groups for special benefits and privileges. Inflation has been destroying the only common measure for material value we have—the dollar. In one case federal military authority is being used over the opposition of state and local agencies, to enforce federal court orders by sheer might. Our people, by their abuses and lack of restraint, are threatening this republic.

They need a healthy shock, and they have it in the Russian "Moon" which circled the earth at 18,000 miles an hour.

Senator Bridges, in commenting on the Russian rocket achievement, aptly calls for "an immediate revision of National psychology."

"The time has clearly come to be less concerned with the depth of the pile on the new broadloom rug or the height of the tail fin on the new car and to be more prepared to shed blood, sweat and tears if this country and the free world are to survive. *Stanley News and Press*

unmistakable fashion. This is the harvest of Little Rock; it is the whirlwind reaped by a Republican administration that chose to sow the winds of social revolution. It is a pity, in a way, that this had to strike Mr. Dalton, for he remains one of the most attractive and likeable men in high office in the State. He said nothing during the course of an exhausting campaign that cannot be forgiven as an excess of advocacy, and he will continue to have the personal best wishes of many Virginians who feel they had to oppose the position and the party with which he was identified.

At the same time, it might be emphasized that there is nothing of the mere gesture in the congratulations offered to Mr. Almond today. He has served Virginia well over a long period of years, as judge, as Congressman, as Attorney-General. He has been in the thick of a bitter fight in which most of us, perforce, have been on the sidelines. He has conducted himself throughout his public career, with dignity, firmness, and steadfastness of purposes. He has not engaged in idle promises. He has waged an honest campaign, and he will take office in January with no pledges he is not ready to fulfill.

Virginia did well in yesterday's election. Judge Almond and his colleagues—Lieutenant-Governor Stephens and Incoming Attorney-General Harrison—will serve the State devotedly during the next four years. They enjoy an overwhelming vote of confidence today; and that confidence, we believe devoutly, is not misplaced. *Richmond News—Leader*

**AIN'T IT SO?**

By BILLY ARTHUR

One thing good about Sputniks I and II is that they can circle the earth in less time than it takes the Russians to brag about them.

A man in a motel where his ancestors stop while en route to become his descendants.

They're called soft drinks because the other kind are hard on the wallet.

The meek may inherit the earth, but it takes a real estate agent to sell it.

Old King Coal is a costly old soul.

In other words, Zuhov was booted out because of poor public relations.

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